

Application No. 09/149,804

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending. The claims have not been amended in this amendment.

In the Specification

Pursuant to the Office Action, Applicants have corrected the informalities cited by the Examiner. Attorney docket numbers have been replaced with the correct cross-reference application numbers.

Allowable Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowable subject matter.

Declaration

The Examiner states in the Office Action that the Declaration as filed was defective. Applicants believe the Examiner may not have seen page 4 of the Declaration containing the third inventor's full name and signature. Therefore, Applicants hereby resubmit the Declaration as originally filed for the Examiner's reconsideration.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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